

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

No. C XX-XXXX ABC (NJV)

Plaintiff(s),

v.

NOTICE OF REFERENCE

Defendant(s).

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

The above matter has been referred to Magistrate Judge Nandor J. Vadas for resolution of one or more discovery disputes. The policy of this court and of this District is to encourage voluntary informal exchange of information, as well as the initial and supplemental disclosures described in the Civil Local Rules and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Discovery disputes in cases referred by the district court are handled in one of three ways:

a. Motions noticed for a hearing before the district court and then referred to this court will be rescheduled on Magistrate Judge Vadas' Law and Motion calendar. Parties will be notified in writing.

b. In disputes which arise after the case has been referred, but before a motion has been filed before the district judge, the parties shall follow the following procedure:

Parties shall meet and confer in person, or, if counsel are located outside of the Eureka area, by telephone, to attempt to resolved their dispute informally. A mere exchange of letters, telephone calls or facsimile transmissions does not satisfy the requirement to meet and confer.

If, after a good faith effort, the parties have not resolved their dispute, they shall prepare a concise joint statement, of less than three pages, without affidavits or exhibits, stating the nature and status of their dispute. If a joint statement is not possible, each side may submit a one-page individual statement. The court will advise the parties regarding the need, if any, for formal briefing or a hearing.

Law and motion matters, including discovery motions, shall be filed in accordance with Civil Local Rule 7-2. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 5-2(a), any papers filed in connection with any motion referred to Magistrate Judge Vadas by a district judge must be filed in the Clerk's Office at the division where the chambers of the district judge is located, whether Oakland, San Francisco, or San Jose. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 5-2(b), the courtesy copies of papers filed in connection with any motion assigned to Magistrate Judge Vadas, including those in cases where the assigned district judge sits in Oakland, must be delivered to the Clerk's Office or to Magistrate Judge Vadas' chambers at 514 H Street, Eureka, CA.

Any party seeking an award of attorney fees or other expenses as sanctions in connection with a discovery dispute shall file a separate motion as required by Civil Local Rule 37-1(e).

c. Telephone conferences in discovery disputes are not encouraged but will be arranged at the court's discretion and are usually reserved for questions arising in the course of a deposition or another emergency.

d. In cases referred to Magistrate Judge Vadas for discovery, if a party wishes to file a document under seal, that party shall first file a written request for a sealing order setting forth the good cause and accompanied by a proposed order, as provided by Civil Local Rule 79-5

e. In cases subject to Electronic Case Filing, parties shall follow the appropriate

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procedures.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

DATED:

NANDOR J. VADAS
United States Magistrate Judge